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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1377

**Introduced by Assembly Member Benoit
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Spitzer)**

February 21, 2003

An act to add Section 52122.2 to the Education Code, relating to school facilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1377, as amended, Benoit. School facilities.

Existing law, the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998, (hereafter the Greene Act of 1998) establishes a program for allocation by the State Allocation Board of state per-pupil funding to school districts for, ~~among other things,~~ new construction *and modernization projects, including, among other things, hardship funding.*

~~Existing law provides for submission to the voters of the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2004 which would, in part, authorize the issuance of bonds for the purpose of funding elementary and secondary school facilities, including, but not limited to, new construction of school facilities pursuant to the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998.~~

Existing law establishes the Class Size Reduction Program in which participating school districts are provided funding for reducing class size to a ratio of 20 pupils to 1 teacher in kindergarten and any of grades 1 to 3, inclusive. Under the program, school districts requesting funds

for facilities are eligible to receive \$40,000 per new class that is needed to meet class size reduction.

This bill would authorize the State Allocation Board to provide grants of up to \$40,000 per eligible class under the Greene Act of 1998 from the proceeds of ~~bonds approved after the November 5, 2002, statewide general election~~ *closeout audit funds of bonds previously approved by the voters for this purpose*, to eligible school districts participating in the Class Size Reduction Program for which less than \$40,000 in state facilities funding per eligible class size reduction classroom has been provided, and for which applications were filed on or before July 1, 2002, for the purpose of funding that difference.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 52122.2 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:

3 52122.2. (a) Notwithstanding subdivision (j) of Section
4 52122.1, the State Allocation Board may provide grants of up to
5 forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) per eligible class under the Leroy
6 F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998 (Chapter 12.5
7 (commencing with Section 17070.10) of Part 10) to eligible school
8 districts participating in the Class Size Reduction Program
9 contained in ~~Chapter 6.10 (commencing with Section 52120) of~~
10 ~~Part 28 this chapter~~ and Chapter 19 (commencing with Section
11 17200) as it existed on November 3, 1998, for which less than forty
12 thousand dollars (\$40,000) in state facilities funding per eligible
13 classroom was provided under Section 52122.1, and for which
14 applications were filed on or before July 1, 2002, for the purpose
15 of funding that difference.

16 (b) This section applies only to grants funded with the proceeds
17 ~~of bonds approved by the voters after the November 5, 2002,~~
18 ~~statewide general election.~~

19 ~~(c) from closeout audit funds of bonds previously approved by~~
20 ~~the voters for this purpose.~~

21 (c) *If funding is insufficient to cover all eligible applicant*
22 *school districts, the board shall give priority for funding to school*
23 *districts that meet either of the following criteria:*

1 *(1) School districts with schools that are more densely*
2 *populated than competing applicant school districts.*

3 *(2) School districts that have a higher percentage of pupils*
4 *eligible for free or reduced price meals through the school lunch*
5 *program of the United States Department of Agriculture than*
6 *competing applicant school districts.*

7 *(d) The total maximum amount of funds that the board may*
8 *grant under this section may not exceed fifty million dollars*
9 *(\$50,000,000).*

